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SUBJ: MOROCCO ENDORSES COMBINED AFRICAN-ARAB SPECIAL SUMMIT
ON SAHARA

REF: RABAT 6400

1. KING HASSAN, IN REPLY TO A SUGGESTION BY IDI AMIN, HAS
ENDORSED A COMBINED OAU/ARAB LEAGUE SUMMIT TO EXAMINE THE SITUATION
IN THE SAHARA. KING'S MESSAGE, CARRIED IN DEC. 22 PRESS,
CHARACTERIZED AMIN'S SUGGESTION AS A "DYNAMIC AND EFFECTIVE
CONTRIBUTION" TO REINFORCEMENT OF TIES BETWEEN THE OAU AND ARAB
LEAGUE AND VIEWED PROPOSED SUMMIT AS MAKING POSSIBLE A WIDE
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DEBATE "ON A SITUATION WHICH CANNOT PERPETUATE ITSELF WITHOUT
PUTTING IN DANGER PEACE IN THE REGION." IN ADHERING "TOTALLY"
TO THIS SUGGESTION, MOROCCO WOULD JOIN IN EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT
THE CONFERENCE WITH VIEW TO HOLDING IT IN CAIRO.

2. MEANWHILE, DECEMBER 22 PRESS ALSO REPORTED PRESIDENT BONGO'S
READINESS TO HOST THE OAU SUMMIT IN LIBREVILLE AS A "LAST RESORT."

BONGO QUOTED AS DETERMINED THE SAHARA SUMMIT SHOULD BE HELD DESPITE DIFFICULTIES IN AGREEMENT ON A SUITABLE SITE. REPORTEDLY PREPARED TO BE TO BENIN IF LATTER OFFERED ITS CAPITAL, BONGO ALSO CITED AS STATING THAT IT HAD BEEN NECESSARY TO ELIMINATE CAIRO BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS AMONG THE ARAB COUNTRIES AND ADDIS ABABA FOR SECURITY REASONS.

3. COMMENT: AS IN PAST, AGREEMENT ON VENUE AND TIMING REMAINS SERIOUS OBSTACLE TO CONVOKING THE SUMMIT. SHOULD THIS PROBLEM BE OVERCOME, FURTHER HURDLES WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE THE AGENDA -- PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF MOROCCAN INSISTENCE ON DISCUSSING TENSIONS IN THE AREA AS OPPOSED TO ALGERIAN WISH TO DISCUSS SAHARAN SELF-DETERMINATION -- AS WELL AS THE QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION IN ANY CONFERENCE BY POLISARIO REPRESENTATIVES. ANDERSON

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